



# HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

### STABBING SUSPECT ARRESTED

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA - September 17, 2009 – Following a tip from an alert citizen, Hollister police officers arrested a 17-year-old male suspected of stabbing a person at a restaurant last Friday evening.

On September 11, 2009 at about 6:15 p.m. the Hollister police officers responded to a report of a stabbing at Los Cuates Restaurant at 220 San Felipe Road. When Officers arrived, they found a large amount of blood on the sidewalk at the entrance to the restaurant. Once inside, they found two victims. The first had a serious stab wound to his arm; the other suffered a possible broken nose and other lacerations. Hollister Fire Department and American Medical Response personnel responded to treat the victims, who were later transported to Hazel Hawkins Hospital for medical attention.

Officers learned that a citizen was following the suspect at a safe distance and providing a license plate for the suspect's vehicle, as well as the suspect's location and direction of travel. Officers quickly found the suspect vehicle and stopped it in the area of Sunnyslope Road and Bella Vista Street. The juvenile suspect and evidence of the crime were located in the vehicle.

One of the victims reported the suspect initially contacted him inside the business and asked them about gang involvement. This victim denied any gang involvement and was immediately stabbed by the suspect. While trying to assist the first victim, the second victim sustained injuries in a struggle with the suspect.

This crime would not have been solved as swiftly had it not been for the citizen's involvement in following and reporting on the suspect. The Hollister Police Department commends those who contacted and assisted the police department in this investigation. The Hollister Police Department encourages community involvement and assistance. Working together we can make a difference in combating gang crimes in Hollister.

Anyone with further information on this crime or others are encouraged to call the Hollister Police Department or call WeTIP at (800) 78-CRIME if they wish to remain anonymous.

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